



## **NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY, NORFOLK**

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### **NAVY POLICY CHANGES ON WHO CAN DINE IN NAVY GALLEYS**

The Commander in charge of all Navy shore activities has clarified the policy regarding authorized patrons dining in Navy Ashore Food Service Galleys.

Ashore General Messes are designed, staffed, and operated specifically to provide meals to the Enlisted personnel authorized Rations-In-Kind (RIK). The funding that supports the ashore galley mission is Congressionally authorized for the purpose of feeding Active duty Enlisted members. Blanket authorization to feed civilians (i.e. Federal Employees, Retirees, Dependents, Guests, etc) is unwarranted and contrary to the Congressional intent for funding the feeding of Enlisted members.

Effective October 1, 2004, civilians and contractors are no longer authorized to dine in Navy Galleys. The enforcement of an established regulation affects all CONUS ashore galleys, which follows the Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation (DoD FMR) and is consistent with the other DoD Services.

The actual surcharge portion that goes back to the galley from the sale of a meal is too small of an amount, which does not cover the full operating costs associated with each meal sold, as required by regulation.

The Undersecretary of Defense for Comptroller annually establishes surcharge rates for cash meals. Currently, the price charged for a meal at any of the Navy Region's Mid-Atlantic galleys is \$1.70 for breakfast and \$3.30 for lunch and dinner. Until the current authorized surcharge rate can be increased, there is no alternative means to increase cash sales in the galleys.

The policy change does not affect MWR food activities.